

ASSOCIATION NEWS: Columbus Metropolitan Club

Wednesday, June 17, NOON
In-house audience and Livestreaming - YouTube

Racism, A Public Health Crisis

On May 19 when the Franklin County Commissioners declared that Racism is a public health crisis, they probably didn't foresee the protests that erupted in our community, nationwide and around the world in response to the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Protests broke out on normally quiet Columbus streets. Local leader John Lowe, CEO of Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams authored a letter to Columbus City Council decrying systematic racism. The document caught fire and has been signed by hundreds of local leaders.

Naming the problem is the first step to turning words into action, said Councilwoman Priscilla Tyson when she introduced a resolution on June 1 for City Council to declare racism a health emergency. Tyson said, "This resolution has already created change: Conversations are being had about it. What we have to do now is take that as a collective body and say, what are we



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going to do next? We have the reports and studies that say, here are the things we have to do next."

Already complicated and complex, the issue of racism became more complicated and more urgent by the current level of frustration and unrest.

Racial tensions are high, people of all colors and sociodemographic backgrounds are engaging in the demand for greater equity and justice for their black and brown brothers and sisters.

How does declaring racism a public health crisis play into the current unrest

and generate new policies and practices or change cultural mores? Will this movement be different than other efforts that have spanned decades?

Columbus City Council President **Shannon Hardin** and **Kevin Boyce**, Franklin County Commissioner will join **Jo Ingles**, Statehouse News Bureau for this discussion on June 17.

Limited live audience seating is available plus the forum will be livestreaming on YouTube. Paid reservations for the in-house audience are required in advance and we cannot take walk-ins.

Wednesday, June 3, NOON - Livestreaming - YouTube

Special Report: New Lesson Plan for Education

Featuring **Talisa Dixon**, Superintendent, Columbus City Schools, **Robert Gervasi**, President, Ohio Dominican University, with host **Colleen Marshall**, Co-Anchor, WC-MH-NBC4

Livestreaming Partners: NBC4 and NBC4i, MORPC, PNC, OSU Wexner Medical Center, Tom E. Dailey Foundation, WOSU and The Columbus Dispatch



Jane Scott, president and CEO, Columbus Metropolitan Club, Colleen Marshall, Robert Gervasi, Talisa Dixon.

CMC Concludes Special Report Series

CMC has enjoyed the strong partnership of NBC4 and NBC4i.com to keep the conversation going through livestreaming a Special Report Series since mid-April.

As people stayed safe by working at home, CMC, a nonprofit mission-driven organization, pivoted from large in-house audiences to livestreaming Wednesday forums via YouTube, free of charge so that everyone could access the important information.

NBC4 and NBC4i jumped in as partners in this work, with co-anchor and CMC Board member Colleen

Marshall hosting the Special Report Series.

"We believe that conversation is essential to help our community stay strong and stay connected during the health crisis!" says Jane Scott, CMC President and CEO.

"While we loved having Colleen – the consummate professional journalist – hosting the forums with the support of her entire team at NBC4 and NBC4i," she continued, "we knew this would not be permanent. It's time to return to more of our mainstay programming with other moderators as

we return to limited in-house audiences. We really cannot thank Colleen and NBC4 General Manager Ken Freeman enough for their strong support!"

Having NBC4 and its digital assets as CMC media partners for livestreaming the forums reached thousands of viewers, with as many as 27,000 tuning in for Mayor Andrew Ginther on April 15.

In addition to NBC4, the livestream "Special Report" forums were supported by PNC, Tom E. Dailey Foundation, WOSU, OSU Wexner Medical Center, MORPC

and Dispatch Media Group.

Livestreaming will continue indefinitely available via YouTube and CMC will offer the feed to any media who wish to pick it up hoping that the many new CMC fans will view the forums on a variety of sources.

Scott encourages people to register to submit questions for Q&A, and receive updates about panelists and upcoming forums and to support CMC by purchasing a virtual seat.

Encore Forums will play on YouTube and Facebook at 11 a.m.

Thanks for Giving BIG

Thanks to the Columbus Foundation for organizing the BIG GIVE as a celebration of nonprofits throughout our community

and for everyone who made contributions to CMC and the other nonprofit organizations they love and support. A BIG THANKS.

Find us on social media, and sign up for our e-newsletter list

Find us on Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter to continue the conversation. And be sure to sign up for our e-newsletter at www.columbusmetroclub.org to get the latest news from CMC.

To request information, register for forums, join CMC or to make a donation visit www.columbusmetroclub.org or to contact the CMC staff at staff@columbusmetroclub.org

– Calendar of Events –

Empty out old dead thoughts and be reborn in mind and spirit. That experience will make you come alive.
June 9, Positive Thinking Every Day,
Norman Vincent Peale

Upcoming Forums

Live, Livestreaming and Encore

We are resuming live in-house audiences as of June 10, with seating limited to 50 attendees (members and general public). Paid registration is required by the Monday before and we cannot accept walk-ins.

We will continue also **livestreaming the forums at noon on Wednesday** and the popular **Encore Forums at 11:00 a.m.**

The Livestreaming and Encore forums are FREE to view but we encourage you to **register to submit questions and to support CMC by purchasing a virtual seat!** **WATCH your email for additions and updates.**

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Wednesday, June 17, 2020, 11:00 a.m. YouTube and Facebook

J.D. Vance on Poverty

This forum was originally presented and recorded on August 2, 2017.

Featuring **J.D. Vance**, OSU Department of Political Science; **Cynthia Dungey**; Director, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and host **Andy Chow**, journalist, Ohio Statehouse News Bureau.

Sponsored by The Columbus Foundation, Fordham Institute, Deloitte, Porter Wright, Dispatch Media Group, The Jeffrey Company.

In partnership with Columbus Metropolitan Library

Wednesday, June 24, 2020, 11:00 a.m. YouTube and Facebook

"I Am My Brother's Keeper" Engages

This forum was originally presented and recorded on February 9, 2017

Oleatha Stewart Waugh, Director, African American Male Initiative (AAMI) Columbus Urban League; **Maurice Stevens**, Kirwan researcher, professor, OSU. **Charles Noble**, Senior Project Manager, Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services will host.

Sponsored by Puffin Foundation West

In partnership with YMCA

Wednesday, July 1, 2020, 11:00 a.m. YouTube and Facebook

The Changing Faces of Conversation

This forum was originally presented and recorded on June 14, 2017

Featuring **Dr. Jim Johnson**, Director, Urban Investment Strategies Center, Chapel Hill, NC and author of *Browning and Greying of America*. With humor and southern charm, Johnson's commentary braces us for a whole new world. **Michael Bongiorno**, Director, Designer, DesignGroup will host.

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Encore Forums: Job titles for all speakers represent the roles they were in when the forum was originally presented.

Anyone requesting additional information may contact the CMC staff at staff@columbusmetroclub.org or visit www.columbusmetroclub.org.

The CMC offices have moved! Please be sure to update our address to
1041 Dublin Road, Suite 103
Columbus, Ohio 43215

A Fond Farewell to Fred Luper

It's with great sadness that we bid a very fond farewell to Fred Luper, CMC member and husband to CMC Board member Carol Luper. Fred passed away on June 4. He was 80.

Fred and Carol had one of those storybook marriages having fallen in love at first sight when they met as students at Cornell University. Law School at Ohio State University brought them to Columbus where she also enrolled as a student.

Married for 55 years, Fred and Carol are the parents of three children Steven, Douglas and Betsy, and seven grandchildren. Fred was an avid and very

popular performer in a variety of community theatre groups and was particularly proud of his performance as Ben Franklin in the Columbus Bar Association's 1986 rendition of "1776."

A founding partner of the law firm Luper Neidenthal and Logan, Fred was a well-known and highly-respected bankruptcy and reorganization lawyer. He was one of the longest serving Bankruptcy trustees in the US.

The CMC family mourns the loss of this accomplished, kind, humorous and loving gentleman. Our hearts go out to Carol and her family.

